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## Speaker shares experiences from Black Panther Party



Dr. Alice Catherine-Carls, Kathleen Cleaver, and Deborah Williams-Boyd discuss Cleaver's role in the Black Panther Party as part of the annual Civil Rights Conference (Pacer Photos/Melissa Kimble).

Melissa Kimble  
Pacer Writer

In life, few people receive the opportunity to meet an influential figure who has left their mark on history.

On Thursday Feb. 28, the UTM campus was introduced to such a figure, Dr. Kathleen Cleaver, at the Annual Civil Rights Conference. Cleaver, a former member of the Black Panther Party, was the keynote speaker for this event.

UTM professor Dr. David Barber, an organizer of the conference, introduced the speaker and stated the importance of her role to the Black Freedom movement. Cleaver studied at

Barnard College in the mid-sixties and her attraction to the Black Panther Party was initiated by her involvement with Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1967, in which she was a member. She quit school, and worked full time for SNCC.

She was a communications secretary for the Black Panther Party which was a very public role. However, Cleaver was modest about her role in the party. "We were just organizers," she said. "Allegations of being leaders came later on."

Cleaver focused on community. The program goal of SNCC was to use the resources on campus to help others in the

community who didn't have any resources available to them. She is a part of the Tennessee community with her father's family being from Chattanooga. Both of her parents were a part of the Civil Rights movement, so social injustice and activism was instilled in Cleaver from early on.

In the keynote address, Cleaver quickly made it a point to describe how to look at the struggle of the movement and how it is perceived. She stated that the Civil Rights movement is perceived as being a good thing and that "black power" is perceived as a bad thing even though

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## University endorses sustainable toilets

Jon-Michael St. Amant  
Pacer Writer

The university gave a nod of support Monday to legislation passed last week by the Student Government Association encouraging sustainable restrooms—with waterless urinals and air hand dryers—in UTM buildings under construction.

Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said tight funding may limit the "green" restrooms to new construction only, rather than retrofitting existing bathrooms.

"Probably the only time we would address it would be remodels," Hooten said. "We have no specific appropriations for this sort of thing. You can't just pull one (urinal) off and put another one on. You have to do work with plumbing and stuff like that so it is usually best done when remodeling."

If the university gets any funding for sustainable development, Hooten said UTM will move forward with plans to retrofit.

Hooten said that in the past, waterless urinals had a negative connotation because of the odor given off by the pads used. He said the technology has come a long way regarding this issue and it is now more feasible.

The SGA legislation specifically calls for hand dryers and waterless urinals and was proposed by Eric Lipford, Campus Observation Committee chairman.

The goal of this legislation was to reduce the university's water bill and make campus buildings more environmentally friendly.

"I feel as though there are constant efforts across our campus to promote more recycling," Lipford said in an e-mail interview. "As for the hand towels I have been told there is no way to recycle these, so the most reasonable option would be to replace these at the appropriate times. As for the waterless urinals, on

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## SGA to vote on anti-discrimination for sexual orientation

Will York  
Senior Reporter

The Student Government Association is poised to vote this week on a resolution that would add sexual orientation and gender identity to UT Martin's anti-discrimination clause, Sen. Brittany McGruder said Monday.

McGruder, chairwoman of the Senate Communications Committee, and Rebecca Weaver, Multicultural Affairs Committee chairwoman, are sponsoring the resolution scheduled for a Senate vote on Thursday.

"This is something we've found that students who have come to SGA have been saying for years," McGruder said. "We decided it was time for it to happen at UT Martin."

McGruder acknowledged the resolution—which she said would help attract and retain more diverse students and faculty—wouldn't end with SGA's vote, because the anti-discrimination clause is under administrators' control.

"We know this is something (administrators) have talked about in the past," she said. "We're hoping to jump-start the discussion with our legislation to make it a relevant issue on the campus."

McGruder is "really positive" that the Senate will pass the resolution, especially in light of recent successes at UTM's sister institution, the University

of Tennessee at Knoxville.

UTK added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination clause for hiring faculty in 2007, and UTK's Student Senate passed a resolution last February seeking similar wording in a policy for students.

Each campus within the University of Tennessee system is free to set its own policy.

"I think sometimes it is so easy for people to get caught up in what they can do that they forget about what they should do," McGruder said. "This legislation is good for UT Martin and a very positive step toward our future as a university."

Morgan Greenhaw, the president of Allies, a student group that lobbies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality issues, said the failure to mention gay and transgender students in the university's nondiscrimination clause is tantamount to the violation of students' civil rights.

"This is very necessary," Greenhaw said. "I've made an effort to get something like this worked on, but it never gained a lot of ground. I think it might be because the values in this area are that being GLBT is taboo."

Greenhaw credits UTK's new policy with inciting UTM to action.

She said the change would remind faculty and students that gay people study here.

"I know some of our sen-

ators don't think there are any GLBT people in their constituencies," Greenhaw said. "Of course, that's not true."

The federal nondiscrimination clause—based on the Civil Rights Act of 1964—does not include sexual orientation or gender identity. But numerous businesses, universities and local governments have supplemented their policies to include protection for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered.

Morgan Owen, director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, said SGA and the university would be overstepping their bounds by adding to the nondiscrimination policy.

"It seems that (sexual orientation and gender identity) is not something the government has addressed, so therefore it should not necessarily be addressed by

the university, but instead by the government," Owen said. "From a religious standpoint, we view sin as sin, but from the university's standpoint, we have to follow what the government says."

Justin Westmoreland, campus minister of the Reformed University Fellowship, said his Christian group doesn't endorse policies.

"For us, the issue isn't being not gay or gay," Westmoreland said, "it's how do I become right with God and how do I fit into his church."

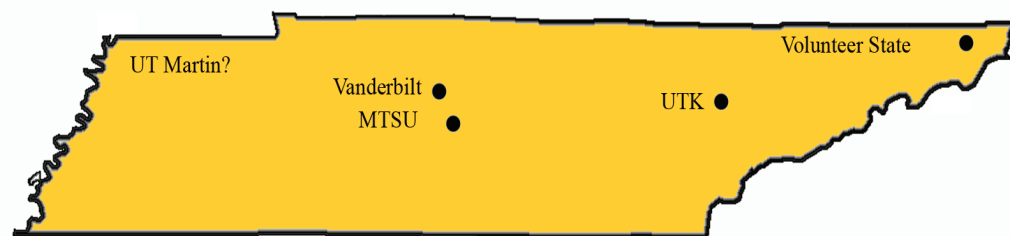
Westmoreland said he regrets the anti-gay stigma often associated with churches in the South.

"It grieves me that there's so much animosity in churches related to homosexuality," he said.

A movement in the mid-1990s to add sexual orien-

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#### Tennessee Universities with Gender Orientation Non-discrimination Clauses



## Coleman: Text-messaging alert system a success so far

Heather Peterson  
Pacer Writer

In light of the success of text-messaging notification systems during recent emergencies at universities across the country, more and more universities are exploring the possibilities of adding text-messaging to their methods of contact students with timely information.

"The benefits of using the emergency text-messaging notification system include not being limited by using a land-line and that so many people use and carry a cell

phone we will be able to reach more students," UTM Department of Public Safety Captain Ray Coleman said.

A possible problem that may come about by using text-messaging is the possibility of a storm knocking down cell phone towers.

"We would not be without notification," Coleman said. "There is a multifaceted network in place, and there would still be other methods used to ensure the safety of faculty and students."

"Our system is already in place and running with

around 2,500 staff and students signed up," Coleman said. The system is tested three times a year during the fall, spring and summer terms. It has been used twice this semester, both times because of tornadoes in our area."

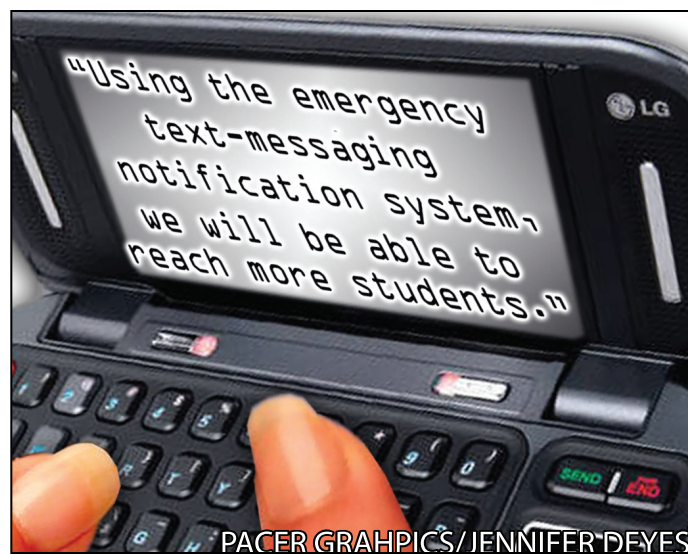
Instead of contracting for the service, UTM's IT department created the notification system.

"Our IT department created this system and it works wonderfully. They really deserve a lot of credit for working so hard on this," says Coleman.

UTM is on par with the other universities in the area. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is still in the testing phase. According to UTC Chief of Police Robert Ratchford, UTC is "still trying to get the bugs out of the system."

UTC contracted out with Rave Wireless to get the text-messaging notification system.

"We have done some tests between the staff and Rave Wireless. We are trying to get all the kinks out before we offer the option to the students," says Ratchford.



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Our View

Editorial: Anti-discrimination clause needed

Hardly anyone noticed that Chris Sanders, president of the Tennessee Equality Project, spoke to students and faculty last week about how the struggle for gay rights fits within the greater framework of civil rights. Sanders spoke during the campuswide Civil Rights Conference, but turnout was miserably low, especially compared with more high-profile events like the keynote speaker, who was active in the fight for racial equality 40 years ago.

The Pacer recalls that it was not popular to support racial equality in the '60s—especially in the South—despite society's widespread support of black-white equality in this century.

But 40 years out, a new struggle has emerged—this time for equality for gay people.

Churches and conservatives raged against equality for blacks then, and they're doing the same to gays now.

But now, the Student Government Association and administrators have the opportunity to reject hate and bias and eradicate forever the possibility of turning away top-notch students and faculty simply because of whom they enter romantic relationships with.

Every public college in Kentucky has incorporated sexual orientation into their nondiscrimination clauses—with the last being our neighbor 35 miles to the north, Murray State.

One barrier at Murray was from a family alliance group that said sexual orientation nondiscrimination is a slippery slope toward pedophilia.

Does UT Martin believe in that brand of bigotry? Or is this public university also brainwashed by churches on power trips?

It is time that a university that says it values diversity to put its values where its talk is.

Either this university will continue to send mixed messages to students and faculty who happen to be gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgendered, or they will clarify—to us and to the world—that it believes in the equality it says it does.

But talk is indeed cheap. An anti-discrimination clause, while certainly laudable, still falls short of true equality.

The struggle for true equality for all will be incomplete until gay faculty members also can benefit from domestic partnership benefits.

Because in light of last week's Civil Rights Conference, all people deserve equal treatment.

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The Pummeling Pen



By: Eric White

Letter to the Editor

Art ignored by The Pacer

I am highly disappointed in your representation of the arts at UT Martin. In several issues of The Pacer, a full page spread of some random entertainment topic has taken the front page of the "Arts and Entertainment" section as if there is nothing to note about the arts on campus.

The Pacer has all but disconnected itself with a large percentage of students that work very hard to bring the arts to others. Actors, artists, musicians and dancers have all taken a backseat to the aforementioned full page spreads. For example, the Vanguard Theatre Production, "A Murder is Announced," opens and runs through this week (week of Feb. 26, 2008). The Pacer moved this story to the back page of the Arts and Entertainment section as a side note to "5 ways to leap into your extra day." Are you not proud of the students and faculty that have worked intensely to bring this story to the stage?

Another side note in the Arts and Entertainment section, stuffed above a half page of advertisements, were two photographs from a Senior Art Exhibit—my senior art exhibit and Stephanie Smoyer's senior art exhibit. Not only did The Pacer mention as little as possible about the art, it failed to mention where the exhibit was. These exhibits do not just appear on the walls of the Fine Arts Building; they take time to prepare, plan and ultimately exhibit. The tiny news bit that has been allotted to these exhibits is not acceptable. Are you, again, not proud of the students (and visiting artists) that work passionately to share their art with others?

Most of all, I am disappointed in the lack of acknowledgment The Pacer has given to the arts that are really happening on campus.

Jody Stokes Art Education Humboldt

Technology: A knowledge hindrance or gateway?



Ashley Totty Guest Columnist

If I asked you right now to tell me the phone numbers of the three people you last called, could you do it? I am one to admit with the new technology these days I hardly memorize anything. Phone numbers get logged away in the contact book in my cell phone, I am alerted to birthdays by Facebook and my homework is on a to do list on my desktop.

With the information age in full swing, it isn't odd to wonder if people may be losing skills due to the new technology. While children are still requested to memorize times tables and learn elementary math, they are taught almost as the first thing on how to use a calculator. Who needs to know how to do the quadratic formula when you can just type the equation into a program and have a calculator solve it for you? Times tables, phone num-

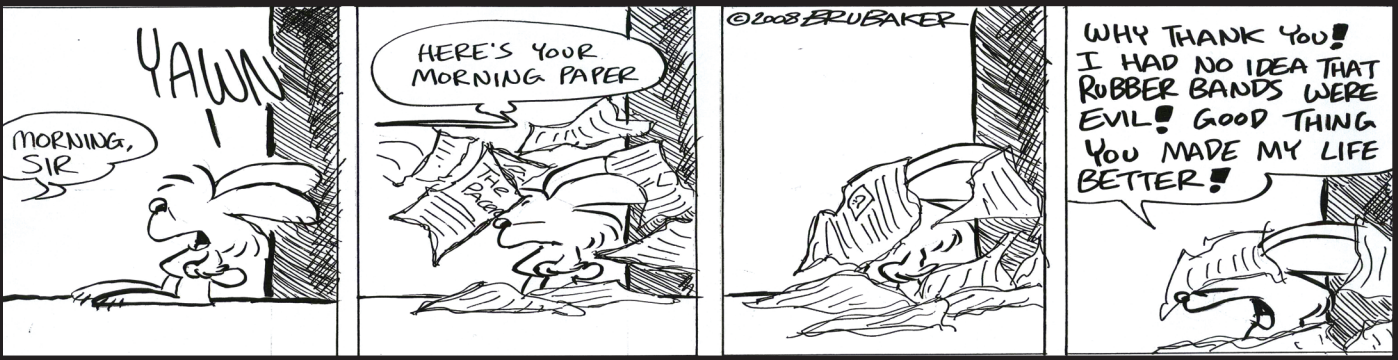
bers, addresses and dates are logged away in a device no bigger than my palm, and I trust it to hold that information until I need it to be recalled. I sadly admit that when I am not sure on spelling, I check T9 word or dictionary.com.

We rely heavily on technology in this age, and times are changing to require we learn less with memorization and more on how to work the technology. A student now-a-days is more likely to be able to spout off HTML code than to be able to tell you the preamble to the constitution.

Everything we don't know is right at our fingertips, yet technology does not seem to be reaching full potential. Our culture has endless learning possibilities, yet if I asked anyone with a computer, I am positive that the only education they are gaining for technology is required by their classes. I for one am guilty of just that, but I hope to change and take full advantage of technology without losing my own skills.

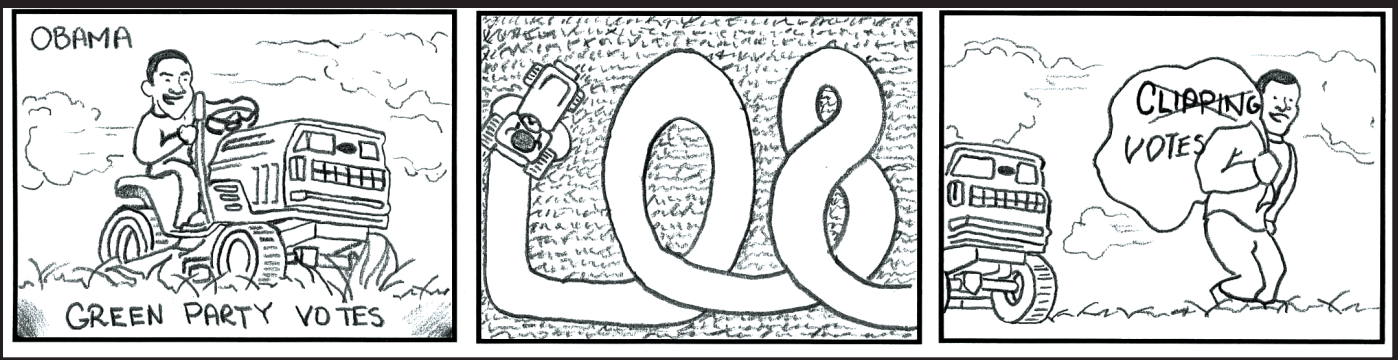
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In the Counselor’s Corner: “Are You Listening?”

Do you remember the last time someone really listened to you? Something was bothering you, and your friend or partner turned off the cell phone, took out the earbuds, put down the book and truly tuned in to what you were saying. Do you remember how good that felt? Maybe even better than eating chocolate?

Listening is a true gift you can give another person. When someone takes the time and energy to pay attention to us, we feel cared for, important and special. When people describe the experience of making a new friend or falling in love, they emphasize that “click” that happens when we feel understood by another.

Here’s a secret: If you are a skillful listener, people will think you are a brilliant conversationalist, even if you say very little. Ask a few questions and listen thoughtfully to the answers, and people will find you likeable and intelligent. A skillful listener maintains good eye contact, nods and makes facial expressions that indicate empathy, and uses reflective statements to show that he or she “gets it.” For example, when your friend tells you in great detail



Dr. Jennifer Levy-Peck,  
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how difficult her Math exam was, you might say, “That sounds like a really tough test!” It’s not rocket science, but it can be amazingly powerful to just show that you heard what your friend said.

Many times, people avoid interacting with friends who have lost a loved one or undergone a crisis like a divorce or break-up because “I just don’t know what to say.” The truth is, you don’t really have to say much of anything. Just listen and try to really be present with your friend. Use “open-ended” questions, not ones with a yes or no answer. For example, say “I know this has been a hard time for you. How are you doing? I really want to know.” Don’t say, “Are you doing okay/alright?” Your friend is likely to say “yes” just because it is not clear whether you are really willing to listen to the whole story.

Here are some roadblocks to listening:

- Don’t give advice

unless it is asked for. You may be trying to be helpful, but to your friend, it may seem like you are being a “know-it-all.” It’s also hard to give good advice unless you have already done a lot of listening, so you understand the problem thoroughly.

- Don’t say, “I know exactly how you feel.” You don’t.

Don’t invalidate your friend’s feelings: “I’m sure your boss isn’t really that bad. He was just having a hard day. You are oversensitive.”

- Don’t try to “fix” the situation: “You should just tell your boyfriend he needs to stop doing that. I’ll tell him, if you don’t.”

Good listening requires putting your own worries and concerns aside, being willing to acknowledge your friend’s situation and feelings even if you don’t agree, paying very close attention and trying to the best of your ability to see things through your friend’s eyes. Think about the people you know who are great parents, wonderful partners or spouses, good friends and respected mentors. It’s a good bet that they are also terrific listeners.

‘Across the universe’: A movie to be seen by all

My friends and I usually watch movies on the weekends. When I say we watch movies it’s like two days of nonstop movies. These movies range from “Accepted” to “Under the Tuscan Sun.” This past Sunday we went to the movie store and rented “Across the Universe,” a love story based on the Beatles’ music.

Let me say one thing first, I don’t really care for the Beatles, just some of their music. Don’t know what it is about them, it might even be that most of the music choices that I make were influenced by my father, or just some completely unfounded reason, I just don’t know.

But after watching this



Kirby McBride  
Guest  
Columnist

movie I came to have a greater appreciation for more of their music. Having this newfound appreciation may come from the fact that this is one of the best movies made within the past few years. It is a love story based upon the songs that they wrote and sang during their musical careers.

The movie follows a couple and the trials that they and their friends go through while living in the

1960s. I think that anyone who loves movies and musicals in particular should try seeing this movie, I was happily surprised with the way it was produce and the outcome of the movie.

Having watched this movie I now have a whole new appreciation for the Beatles’ music, it could be because I may have never realized all the songs that they sang or that the remakes for the movie were fantastic. Either way I think people who love the Beatles and those who don’t should take a night to see this movie.

Enjoying the silence brings peace

Heather Peterson  
Guest Columnist

Silence can be deafening if you are not use to it. But it can also be calming especially after a hectic day of too many demands on my time.

However, I find it necessary for my well being to just step outside on to a balcony and just listen to the world. The sound of the wind through the leaves, or of the rain splashing helps clears my head of all the things that make me sad or frustrated.

More people I think should try this, step outside without a phone or iPod and just listen to everything. Let your mind wander and just relax, even if it is only for a few moments it really does help. I see so many people stressed to the point of snapping at people for the stupidest things. I know I’m one of them I have too many demands on time and I never seem to get a break.

It took me awhile to realize that snapping at someone for some stupid thing won’t change anything, yeah I may feel better for a bit for tearing into someone but nothing changed, whatever is bothering you will still be bothering you.

Everyone seems to be running around doing so much demanding things to be done that second, we have become an instant gratification world. We want it now, we want it supersized and waiting is

a burden. When was the last time you just stopped and took a breath and did something for yourself?

I know many of you are taking mid-terms and trying to get everything ready for spring break but being so tense everyday isn’t good for yourself.

I know I have no room to talk I’m one of the most tense and overwrought person most will ever meet but still even I manage to stop and breath.

Slowly I’m learning to say no when someone asks something of me, which is actually pretty hard, I’m always the one who is willing to do almost anything for a friend or loved one.

Yet I never did anything for myself for so long that when I became sick it nearly killed me because I kept trying to please everyone.

I assure your friends won’t think less of you if you don’t want to go out with them one night just so you can stay home and take a bath or curl and read a book just because you want to.

Your family will understand not driving back for one weekend just so you can stay home and do nothing. You will not lose being the greatest mom or dad award if you on occasion decide to let them watch the television while you curl up and just relax.

We all need to learn just to stop and do nothing even if it’s for a minute. Sometimes doing nothing is the best thing we can do.

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# Students sound off at Campus Crossfire

Staff Reports

Gun control is a hot topic and students helped it live up to its reputation last week.

Students met in Watkins auditorium last Wednesday to debate whether or not and if so the extent to which guns should be banned.

More than 30 students filled the auditorium to attend the Student Activities Council's second Campus Crossfire, representing a wide array of viewpoints.

"I was really pleased with the numbers. Honestly, I hadn't anticipated so many people coming out. I hope to maintain it," said Phil Masengil, Arts, News and Views Committee Chair for SAC.

Masengil said he coordinated with Greek Life to offer 'Greek Points' for attendance to SAC's Campus Crossfire forums.

Greek Points are points awarded at various events and competitions throughout the year to fraternities and sororities to determine

"It gives students an opportunity to learn and discuss"

- Phil Masengil  
Arts, News and Views Committee  
Chair, SAC

the winner of Greek Week in February. Masengil said he hopes that offering Greek Points for these events will help boost Greek involvement.

Two fraternities — Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon — took advantage of the new opportunity at last

week's forum.

Masengil went on to say he thinks these forums provide a clear cultural and intellectual benefit to students.

"I think the greatest benefit is that students get to come out and hear opposing viewpoints on these issues from other students as opposed to from professors who have the benefit of being authority figures," said Masengil. "It gives students an opportunity to learn and discuss these issues and hopefully gain a new perspective on current issues and the predominant views of UTM students."

The next Campus Crossfire topic will be "The Morality of the Death Penalty," and the final topic for the fourth forum has yet to be decided. Suggestions should be e-mailed to Masengil at phicmase@utm.edu.

# Lottery scholarship compromise possible

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey has signaled a possible compromise on lottery scholarship retention standards.

The Blountville Republican said Thursday he may agree to let students with a B-minus average keep their grants with a small reduction in the scholarship amount as an incentive to get back to the current B standard.

"You want an incentive to get back, but at the same time they don't have to drop out of school because of it," Ramsey said.

Lawmakers have been debating whether to lower the cumulative grade point average needed to maintain a lottery scholarship.

Under current rules, a student must be enrolled full time in college, have a GPA of at least 2.75 after their freshman year and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for subsequent years to keep the scholarship.

The governor has said he supports lowering the retention GPA to 2.75.

The retention issue was one of the reasons the House and Senate deadlocked on an omnibus lottery bill at the end of last year's session.

The House wanted to lower the retention figure to 2.75, while the Senate version explored other options, such as lowering the retention GPA to 2.75 only for community college students.

However, legislative lead-

ers from both sides of the aisle say they're working out their differences.

House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, D-Covington, said Thursday he's "willing to ... listen to any proposals that they want to make," but he's unsure about dropping the amount of the lottery scholarships.

Currently, the scholarships are \$4,000 for traditional four-year colleges and \$2,000 for two-year institutions.

House Majority Leader Gary Odom, D-Nashville, also expressed doubt about reducing the amounts.

"The goal should be to help as many Tennesseans as possible get a college education," he said.



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Commentary

FROM THE A&E DESK

David Hampton  
A&E Editor

Since I became the Arts & Entertainment editor for *The Pacer* last August, I've learned not only about being a section editor for a newspaper, but also a lot about the community on and around the UT Martin campus. I've also learned about the responsibilities that come with representing that community in a publication.

Recently, we received a letter from a student who was dissatisfied with the A&E section, and the student commented specifically on a few matters of how the content of this section is arranged.

We had been talking over a few changes for the section, and upon further investigation, we found that our readers beat us to the punch.

First of all, the letter made mention of the full-page graphic that has graced the first page of the A&E section. It was initially the conclusion of the editorial board, including myself, that placing the graphic on the first page was a good idea because it would grab attention and look more dynamic than standard print layout, and we want the section to be dynamic.

According to the outside feedback we've recently received, though, this is not the case, and we had already suspected as much ourselves. We had discussed moving the graphic to the second page on a few different occasions, and it seems that the time has undeniably come to do so.

Italian restaurant 'Veranda' comes to Martin

Owners plan to offer community a new kind of restaurant

Whitney Sullivan  
Pacer Writer

An Italian restaurant will open next month near campus, the restaurant's owner said.

Owners Jimmy and Angela Sinus told *The Pacer* on Monday that their new restaurant—called Veranda—will be located on Lovelace Avenue where the King of Wings hot wings restaurant once operated.

The building, which is only feet from the eastern edge of campus, has been vacant since King of Wings went out of business last semester.

Veranda will feature a broad selection of traditional Italian dishes, including pizza (with hand-tossed and old-fashioned thin crusts as choices, modeled after a pizza restaurant popular in Martin during the 1960s), pasta, meat and seafood, the owners said. The restaurant will also serve breakfast.

The owners said they intend to apply for a liquor license.

The Sinuses are the previous owners and operators of the Catfish Restaurant and Steak House on Main Street.

Although the Sinuses have never owned and operated an Italian restaurant before, they have more than 30 years' experience in the restaurant business. Before owning the Catfish Restaurant and Steak House, they owned restaurants in McKenzie and Brownsville.

While Jimmy Sinus loved owning the Catfish Restaurant and Steak House, he disliked the stereotype surrounding a buffet-style restaurant.

Sinus said fighting against the stereotype that buffet restaurants don't have fresh ingredients was disenchanting. He also said he became frustrated that people didn't re-

There was also mention of photos being placed next to ads, and, while the ads are what make the publication possible, placing the large graphic on the next page will probably reduce how often they are placed next to stories and photos in this section.

And as far as the seemingly random nature of the full-page graphic subjects, these would make more sense if the A&E pages had a subsection devoted to content that dealt more with general lifestyle material rather than A&E coverage.

“We believe that art is valuable at every level of every community, and we hope to reflect that belief the best we can in our newspaper.”

This is something that we'll probably be experimenting with in the upcoming issues.

As a side note, I can neither confirm nor deny the rumors that the A&E graphic stories contain subliminal messages designed to promote heathenism and debauchery.

Aside from these mundane factors that go into the making of this section, in order for the A&E pages to be worth the paper they're printed on there has to be good coverage of the arts on campus and in the community, including all facets of artwork and entertainment.

The making of the A&E section, like the work concerning any publication, is a group effort, and we often bounce ideas around the office about things we can include that people will care about or at least feel inclined to read. Outside perspective is always a valuable asset, and often offers insight that we may overlook or, as has happened on a few occasions, have doubts about. We appreciate your input.

As much as the staff can be held responsible for the content, it is also worthy of note that we depend on students to cover events and stories, and sometimes our resources are limited. The blame also lies within the student body's lack of interest in covering the arts in the community, and thus, it reflects poorly on the contributions submitted to *The Pacer* because it often lacks diversity.

And of course, we are proud of and appreciate the students who make UTM a more interesting place with their visual artwork, dramatic performances, music, creative writing and everything else that serves as an escape from the haphazard toil and tisk of the everyday routine.

We at *The Pacer* believe that art, in its myriad forms, is valuable at every level of every community, and we hope to reflect that belief the best we can in our newspaper.

After all, to quote George Bernard Shaw, “Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable.”

alize the Catfish Restaurant also sold Angus steaks.

Because of these reasons, Sinus decided to open a restaurant where all food is served table-side, which he said will “create a special touch for each person.”

“We cannot wait until the restaurant opens,” Jimmy Sinus said. “We know it will be a success.”

Even though Sinus has never operated an Italian restaurant, his friends own about 35.

Getting by with a little help from his friends, he's structured the menu around proven recipes, he said.

Sinus said he's hired cooks who have experience in preparing the food he will offer at Veranda.

And he's dedicated to success; Sinus recently signed a 25-year lease and is renovating the 60-year-old building's exterior and interior.

Sinus plans on the food being very affordable and high quality. He plans on a great atmosphere and comfortable seating.

“It makes me happy to make others happy which is why I like being in the restaurant business. Everyone loves to eat,” Sinus said.

The transformation from a hot wings joint to a tasteful Italian restaurant has been in the works for about six weeks.

Sinus said he's also working on the parking situation currently. He hopes to add additional parking behind the building.

Restaurant hours are not certain yet, but they plan on opening at 6 a.m. to serve breakfast. The closing time is undecided at this point. Sinus already has a kitchen staff lined up but will be looking to hire servers, hosts and other floor help when the remodeling is completed.



Trevor Ruskowski, University Relations

The cast of Vanguard Theatre's production of “A Murder is Announced” perform an adaptation of the classic Agatha Christie mystery novel. Vanguard's next performance will be “Sylvia,” and will take place April 25 to 27. Auditions will be held March 17 and 18, and all students are welcome to try out.

‘A Murder is Announced’

Vanguard Theatre performs an Agatha Christie classic

LaToya Brent  
Pacer Writer

Vanguard Theatre once again brought suspense and mystery to the UT Martin campus, this time with their production of “A Murder is Announced,” a play based on the novel by Agatha Christie.

The murder mystery, set in England, opened in the home of the main character, Letitia Blacklock, played by Karen Saldana. Her niece Julia, nephew Patrick, and close friend Dora Bunner are seen in the drawing room engaging in general conversation and reading over the daily newspaper. Ms. Bunner, referred to as Bunny, notices an announcement in the newspaper of a murder that was to take place in Letitia's house at 6:30 that same night. As she reads the advertisement aloud, the characters become worried and frightened, wondering if any one of them might die in a matter of hours. The housemaid, Mitzi, played by Mary Beth French, is the most frightened by the news as she is a refugee who thinks someone is always watching her.

The make-up, costumes, set design and accents were effective at drawing the audience into the setting. Three of the main characters are older women and the make-up made their age believable. The English accents used by all characters were impressively authentic, and the housemaid had an incredibly believable Russian accent.

The characters try to go on with their evening and make the announcement out to be nothing more than a joke. They rationalize

this thought with the idea that no one in their right mind would announce that they were going to commit a murder. As the hour of the supposed murder approaches, the residents of the house receive a few visitors. The visitors should more rightly be called spec-

“I'm very proud of the work done on this production. We were able to put together a really good cast.”

- Ken Zimmerman  
Vanguard Theatre Director

tators. They include an inquisitive friend, Miss Marple, a snooty mother and son team, Mrs. Swettenham and Edmund Swettenham, and a young widowed mother, Phillipa Haymes.

In true murder mystery form, when the clock hits 6:30 the lights go out and a man enters the room with a flashlight and orders everyone to put their hands up. Soon after this, shots are fired and someone falls to the floor.

A police investigation is conducted by Inspector Craddock, played by Jay Campbell. He finds that Letitia is about to come into an inheritance from an old friend. This friend has relatives who think the money should rightfully go to them. This provides a motive for murder, and suddenly everyone becomes a suspect.

During intermission the audience was buzzing with their own lists of suspects.

Author's latest novel takes an uncharacteristic approach

Heather Peterson  
Pacer Writer

“Burn this book. Go on. Quickly, there's still time.”

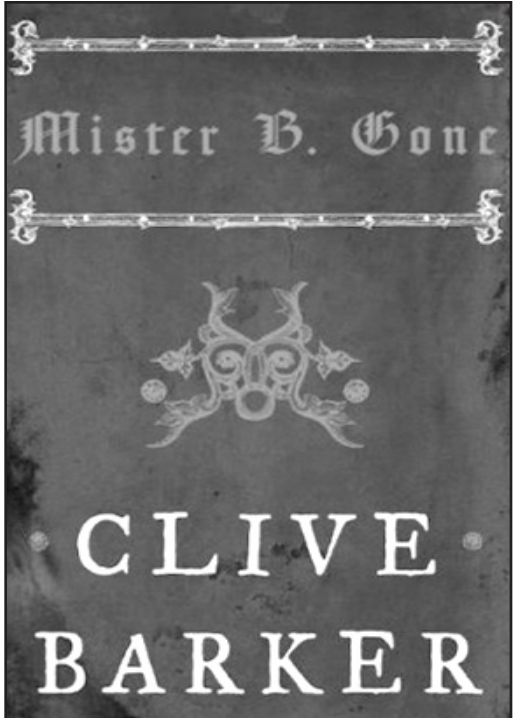
Thus begins “Mister B. Gone,” the latest novel by Clive Barker. It is not every day you have a book asking and then demanding you burn it, but that's how the book is written. The book speaks to you, asking for you to destroy it, making offers and even threatening you.

Fans of Barker, whose past successes are known for their macabre style, may be disappointed.

Barker is best known by most for “Hellraiser,” the screen adaptation of his book “The Hellbound Heart.” Fans of those works may enjoy this book for its dark portrayal of a pivotal point in human history, which has the common element of good and evil meddling in the lives of humans.

However, “Mister B. Gone” isn't really scary in the sense that “Hellraiser” was, and I actually found some parts of it darkly amusing in a morbid kind of way. True fans will feel let down by this book, and it had such potential if Barker would have gone more into his characters and gave us more insight. There were no twists, not even halfway through, and the ending was blatantly obvious.

It was a bit too gruesome for my liking, but it had to be done. Jakabok Botch, a demon from the Ninth Circle of Hell, is inside the book and is trying to make you burn it. I have read many of Barker's books, and I greatly enjoy how he portrays evil and sinister beings, but in this one, demons were demons—they had no



guises. This disappointed me a little.

The other thing that I felt a little let down by was the constant stopping in the middle of the story with Mister B. asking, pleading, bribing and threatening the reader to burn the book. In the beginning it hooked me, but after a while it annoyed me.

If this was my first Clive Barker book, I don't think I would have felt as let down. However, seeing as I have read most of his books, this one left me wanting more. Not to say it wasn't good; I'm sure if this is someone's first taste of Barker's writing they will be pleasantly surprised by his other works.

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5 excuses for getting out of work over spring break

by Karen Langdon

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"I have chicken pox."

Yeah, I never got them when I was a kid...



2

"I'm moving."

This was the only time I could do it...



3

"Gas prices are too high."

And I don't get paid enough to drive to work...



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"I'm going on the campaign trail."

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From the Geek Corner  
Anticipation well-deserved

The rumor mill is churning once again over the most highly anticipated Apple, Inc. release since the iPhone, it's SDK.

In order to clarify why this release is so important allow me to take a moment to explain what SDK is. Essentially, SDK stands for software development kit.

It is the coding which, once received, will give a programmer the base code in order to create their own applications and programs which will work on the iPhone and its operating system.

For so long Apple has had to deal with users wanting more from their iPhone.

From its conception, there were basic problems with this. Of course, there was the original controversy concerning the iPhone only being able to work with AT&T and their network. Then this issue evolved the ability to have third party apps, or programs from companies and individuals who are not affiliated with Apple.

This issue is so large in scale because many Apple users rate their Apple experience based on the amazing third party applications which are Apple only and highly used by Mac owners. These same Apple fans who bought an iPhone expected these same sort of applications and a similar experience, yet for some



Jon-Michael  
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Technology  
Columnist

time now, they have had to wait.

Now, as the official release date of the iPhone SDK nears, the excitement around this new release is growing exponentially as each day passes.

The SDK is going to be great for Apple and iPhone users. Hundreds of applications are expected which means more people who are holding off buying an iPhone are expected to make the switch. This means a rise in Apple stock prices as well as a higher level of satisfaction from iPhone users.

The iPhone SDK marks a major leap in iPhone development. Typically, with this sort of move the users have the power to enhance a product in unforeseen ways.

If you are an iPhone owner then the iPhone SDK is definitely something worth looking into and keeping an eye on. Additionally, iPod Touch users may benefit from this sort of software as well.

In any case, keep an eye out for this major new announcement it will certainly mark a major chance in the Apple world.

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David Hampton  
A&E Editor

There are a lot of sites that features data streaming technology on the Internet, and many of them advertise free internet radio.

One of the more outstanding of these sites is SHOUTcast, which allows you to choose among thousands of stations from around the world.

SHOUTcast, from Nullsoft, the creators of Winamp, requires only that users download Winamp media player, and then any of the stations can be listened to by either choosing them from the site or straight from the Winamp player.

The listing of the stations includes the formats and a brief description of the stations' styles. Also, the bitrates and number of listeners tuned in to any given station is also given, along with the song that is currently playing.

To make finding your favorite music easy, and

to make sure the sound quality is up to your standards, the page offers a search protocol that you can use to search by genre and by bitrate. For an even faster search, the listings offer drop-down boxes for a "quick genre" search, which allow users to select from over a dozen common station formats and genres of music.

The site also has a section dedicated to play statistics, which shows how many plays the stations have accumulated, including stats for total time spent listening, total tune-ins, and total five-minute tune-ins. This makes it easy to find the most popular stations for your favorite type of music.

SHOUTcast is s good place to find a radio station to meet your needs on the Web. And since it's from the makers of Winamp, it is clear that they understand the importance of music.

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Net outage wreaks havoc on ITS and cuts into exit exams

Charlie McIntosh  
Technology Editor

An Internet outage this weekend resulted in a hectic two days for Technology services, and an interesting final examination for students taking Senior exit exams.

Campus-wide Internet services returned Sunday afternoon after a malfunction in the central core routing switch left Net services unavailable in multiple buildings on campus, including the testing rooms in Clement Hall.

"I've never seen anything like it in 20 years," said UTM Telecommunications Manager Mark McAlpin. "If you were to compare our networks to the

cardiovascular system, then we basically had a heart attack."

Initially ITS thought the problem was within the lab clusters. After resetting all of the servers and shutting everything off piece by piece, the problem was isolated to the central core router.

"To fix the router, we essentially had to disconnect it and turn it back on, but a lot of time consuming preparation has to be made before we can actually do that," McAlpin said. "After we plugged it back in, everything seemed to be running fine."

McAlpin added that because UTM doesn't want this problem to happen again, figures are being gathered for the purchase of a new central core router.

"While it's working now, we really can't risk a major problem like this happening again," McAlpin said. "We should be getting a new router within the next couple of weeks."

Sharon Robertson, the assistant director of the Student Success Center, said she is grateful to ITS for helping students to continue their exit exams

without the Internet.

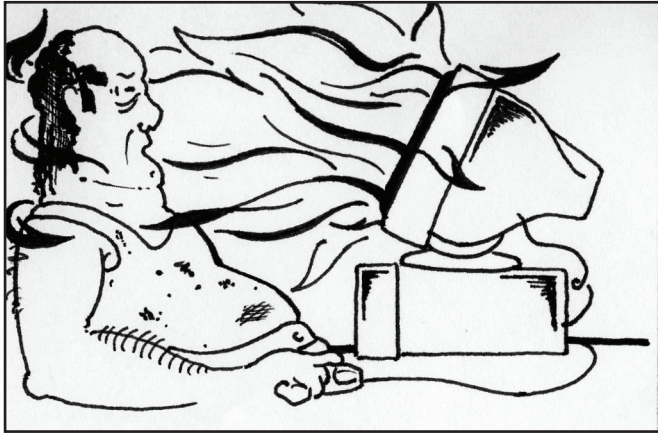
"The SSC testing center was administering the senior major field exam in the lab this past weekend when the network went down. The ITS staff were promptly aware of the problem and worked until the problem was fixed. The students taking the major field exam were not delayed and the test went as planned.

"The tech department did an outstanding job trying to help us work around the Net malfunctions," Robertson said. "We were able to hold all 187 examinations over the weekend and have already sent in three more today.

"We wouldn't have been able to do that without ITS guiding us."

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Addiction level might be too difficult for gamers to beat



Heather Peterson  
Pacer Writer

Online games are destroying lives and causing relationships to come to an end. That's right, a game is being blamed for people getting divorced. Specifically, some are blaming World of Warcraft as to why they are getting divorced.

Bruce Medler admits to skipping class and has even played the game for 20 hours straight.

"Yes the game is addictive but I don't think it has ruined my life," says Medler. Another gamer on campus Joshua Busey said: "I know it has ruined some peoples lives but it hasn't ruined mine." Busey admits to playing the game 26 hours straight.

One reason people say the game is so addictive is that there is no actual end to the game. With new expansions due to come out

and regular updates that add new quests the game never ends.

According to the game's website "World of Warcraft is a massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG). In World of Warcraft, thousands of players adventure together in an enormous persistent game world, forming friendships, slaying monsters and engaging in epic quests that can span days or weeks."

All the people who were asked about the game admit to it being addictive, but they don't think it is ruining their lives.

They admit to skipping class, but people skip class for less. Considering the other options for addictions is playing a game that bad.

There are blogs and articles floating around on the Internet from former players saying it ruined their lives, that instead of doing other things they

enjoyed that they just sat in front of their computer. Some blame the game for their weight gain, loss of jobs, lack of friends and yes the reason their significant other left them.

Yet there are just as many writings floating around scoffing the idea that a game can ruin lives.

Many gamers point out that they have normal lives, they work at successful jobs, they are in good shape, enjoy sports and yes have happy healthy relationships.

Some of the gamers say it is something to do to pass the time, while waiting to get a real job. But is it really an addiction? If someone could be addicted to shopping then it is just as possible to be addicted to playing a MMORPG.

Since not everyone who plays the game is addicted to the game, then shouldn't the person with the addiction be looked at more closely?

Maybe the person playing the game just needs an escape from the real world or wants to be in control of something.

Sounds like other addictions then, doesn't it? Maybe some people just have an addictive personality, that if it wasn't World of Warcraft then it could have been The Sims, Halo or any other game out there that let them escape from this world for awhile.

Some advocates for reform post suggestions saying why not have a time limit restriction, calling it a drug saying they are knowingly and intentionally creating a game that is addictive to people who can't control themselves.

And that is the point of the side who doesn't want change, if it is ruining some peoples lives then they had something wrong with their lives to begin with and blaming a game is just pointless.

With more than 7 million active players world wide, there needs to be a distinction between casual gamers and hardcore gamers, but even then the real differences between them isn't the amount of time they play it's if they are shut-ins or do they remember to go outside of the game and have a real life too.

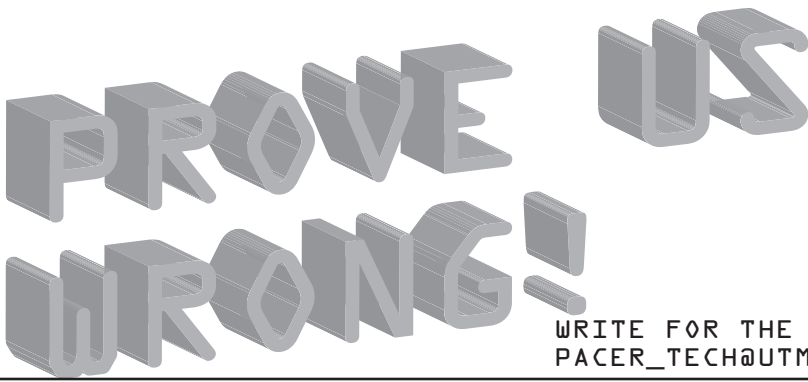
Some people feel that any game, if played too much, can have fatal consequences. World of Warcraft is hardly new; EverQuest and EVE before it have both been blamed for ruining lives.

EverQuest was even blamed for the death one of its members when he took his own life.

The mother of the victim created the site http://www.olgannonboard.org/ a religious based 12 step program to help other people get over their online addiction.

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## Skyhawks begin march to national exposure with first round home OVC tournament game

**John Summers**  
Sports Editor

The UT Martin men's basketball team is set to host Samford on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Elam Center in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The Skyhawks finished the OVC regular season with an 11-9 record, one game ahead of Samford, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky. The 11 victories were good for fourth place in the conference and allowed them to host a first round game.

"We realize the importance of having a home game in the first round of the tournament. It's an excellent opportunity," said Skyhawk head coach Bret Campbell.

UTM defeated Samford both times the teams faced off during the regular season. On Jan. 5, freshman guard Marquis Weddle's 17 points led UTM to a 63-49 home victory. The Skyhawks also defeated Samford 61-43 on the road on Jan. 24. Junior guard Lester Hudson had 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in the victory.

EventhoughtheSkyhawks defeated Samford by a combined 32 points in their two previous meetings this season, the conference tournament is a completely different scenario.

"Samford will come in well-prepared. It's always hard to beat a team three times in one season, but we're ready," Campbell said.



**Lester Hudson dunks the ball in a game earlier this season. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)**

Other first round matchups include top seed Austin Peay hosting Eastern Kentucky, Murray State hosting Tennessee Tech and Morehead State hosting Tennessee State. These games will also be played on Tuesday.

The winners of the first round games will advance to the semifinals which will be played Friday night in the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

The OVC tournament

final will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday and will be televised on ESPN2. The winner receives an automatic berth in the 65-team NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, more widely known as March Madness.

"We need to make sure that we win here so that we can go to Nashville and take advantage of this opportunity. We're three wins away from making the NCAA tournament and

being on CBS. That would be monumental for UTM," Campbell said.

The only OVC team likely to make it to the NCAA tournament is the team that claims the OVC title because almost all of the teams in the OVC have a low RPI (Rating Percentage Index) ranking.

The RPI is a measure of a team's strength of schedule and the team's record against that schedule. It is a tool used in selecting and seeding the NCAA tournament. If two teams that are being considered for a berth in the tournament or even for a certain seeding have similar records, the selection committee tends to give the spot or seed to the team with the better RPI.

The Skyhawks' current RPI rank is 217 in the nation. Austin Peay has the best RPI rank of any OVC team at 90. Most at-large teams (teams that do not win the conference tournament) need an RPI under 60 to have a good chance of being selected to the tournament.

Although an amazing opportunity is ahead of the team, they have to start with a home victory over Samford.

"The biggest help we can get is from the student body. We need everyone to come out and support us if they can. This is a great opportunity, not just for the team, but for the university as a whole, and it all has to begin with a first round win over Samford," Campbell said.

## Softball wins three games at home over the weekend

**UTM Athletic Communications**

The UT Martin softball team went a perfect 3-0 on the first day of the Hospitality House Classic this weekend.

The Skyhawks picked up wins over Dartmouth 6-5, Ball State 4-3 and Indiana State 3-1. Laurie Lindow collected a pair of game-winning hits, while Megan Williams and Chelsea Cary both launched home runs on the day.

In the first game of the day against Dartmouth, Williams led the bottom of the sixth inning off with a double. Lindow drove her in with a single up the middle for what would turn out to be the game-winning run. Paij Lintz earned the win, moving her record to 3-2 on the season.

In the game against Ball State, Cary launched a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game and force it into extra innings. In the ninth inning, Savannah Roberts came home for the game-winner when Kara Harper came through with a walk-off single.

Senior Ashton Strode captured the win and pushed her record to 3-2 on the year. With eight strikeouts in the game, Strode also moved into a tie for fifth on the UTM career strikeout list with 225 in only her third season. After picking up two more strikeouts on Sunday, she is 77 strikeouts shy of Kendra Kosco's all-time record of 304.

Against Indiana State, the Skyhawks used a three-run

fourth inning to come from behind for the win. In that inning, Lindow hit a base-clearing double down the right field line to bring in three Skyhawks base runners. Harper earned the win to move her record to an even 2-2 on the year.

"Our pitching was outstanding today and we got some very timely hits when we really needed them," said Skyhawk head coach Donley Canary. "We have played well the last two weekends, and it is good to see us playing the way we are capable. Now we will try to keep it going with two more tough games tomorrow."

The team, however, suffered a pair of setbacks on Sunday. They fell to Minnesota 6-0 and Northern Iowa 10-2.

The Skyhawks are now 8-8 on the year and will play eight games in the Rebel Games beginning Saturday and going through Tuesday in Orlando, Fla.



**Paij Lintz picks up her third win over the weekend. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)**

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★ *Thursday, March 6, 2008  
in the Boling University Center  
from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* ★

Can't make it? We will be video recording all Symposium sessions and putting them into UT Martin's iTunesU site.

For more information, check our website at:

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### Conference Agenda

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**10:00 am – 10:50am**  
**11:00 am – 11:50 am**  
**12 noon – 1 pm**  
**1:00 pm – 1:50 pm**  
**2:00 pm – 2:50 pm**

Vendor booths open in the UC main lobby.  
Concurrent Sessions in UC 206 A/B/C  
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Lunch on your own  
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- ✓ Industry Leading Vendors
- ✓ UT Martin Faculty Displays
- ✓ Computer Store Giveaways